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LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday – January 25, 2012

I. Call To Order/ Roll Call

Commissioner Yvonne de la Pena called the meeting to order at 11:15 A.M.

Members present: Yvonne de la Pena, Jack Buckhorn, Paul Von Berg, Julia Dozier, and Chief Diane Ravnik

A quorum was met.

Members absent: Richard Harris, Scott Gordon, and Les DenHerder

Review/Approval of the minutes of October 26, 2011

Commissioner Buckhorn made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Von Berg seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

II. Update on Pending Bills

- **AB 311: Employment: Labor Standards: Consultation Unit (Cook)**
Status: On hold in the Labor and Employment committee.
This bill creates a consultation unit within DLSE to provide consultant services to an employer or employee regarding compliance with labor standards.
- **AB848: Apprenticeship Programs: (Campos)**
Status: On hold in the Senate Appropriations suspense file.
This bill would require recipients of Related Implemental Instruction money and the building and construction trades to report annually information concerning the number and percentage of apprentices who have received post-secondary educational credit.
- **SB281: Career Technical Education: (Wyland)**
Status: In Senate Education Committee; two year bill.
The existing law authorizes the governing board of a high school district, the governing board of a joint powers regional occupational center or program, or the county superintendent of school that conducts any county-operated regional occupational center or program, to establish and maintain, in connection with a high school or regional occupational center or program under its or his or her jurisdiction, cooperative career technical education programs or community classrooms as part of a career technical education course in accordance with prescribed rules and regulations.

This bill would require the local school district governing boards appoint numbers to the committee to include individuals from labor and trade organizations and representatives from various CTE industry sectors recommended by local organization. It includes labor and trade organizations who shall be appointed by the governing board of the school district. The committee shall also include representatives of CTE industry sectors including the building and construction trades.

III. New Bills

- **AB1463: 2012–13 Budget: (Blumenfield)**

Status: ASM Appropriations

Commissioner de la Pena reported the community differences between the budget bill and the Governor’s proposed budget. Currently as written in the budget bill the apprenticeship line item for K-12 is still intact. The funding for the community colleges is no longer specifically identified, there is a line item for “special services” and it encompasses 19 different categorical programs, including apprenticeship.

- **SB957: 2012–13 Budget (Leno)**

Status: Senate Budget and Fiscal Review

This bill has the same provisions as outlined for apprenticeship in AB1463.

- Commissioner de la Pena stated that on the Community College side they are consolidating them into one category. On the Department of Education side, it is still the same as the previous fiscal year. The concern now is the Governor’s proposed budget.
- Commissioner de la Pena reported that at a recent Labor lobbyist meeting the Firefighters lobbyist brought up the issue of apprenticeship funding and presented a “white paper” in terms of general discussion about what to begin lobbying on regarding apprenticeship dollars. (Attached to these minutes on the website). She further reported to send letters to heads of departments e.g. the Department of Education, the Chancellor’s Office, the Budget Sub Committee and the Boards of Governor’s and all departments that will have an effect on the issue. She also encouraged programs to go to their employers and have them write a letter to the Legislature and the Governor’s office as well.
- Deputy Chief Glen Forman will send an e-mail to all registered programs to encourage them to send letters to the Chancellor’s Office, Department of Education Budget Sub Committee and other department heads in support of apprenticeship funding as it pertains to the SB957 and AB1463.
- The committee will draft a letter and present to the full CAC for approval.
- **AB1330: Graduation Requirements: Career Technical Education – Frutani (Coauthor: Senator Wyland)**
Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

This bill, commencing with the 2012-13 school year, would add completion of a course in career technical education, as defined, as an alternative to the requirements that a pupil complete a course in visual or performing arts or foreign language. This bill also would require the State Department of Education to submit a comprehensive report to the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature, on or before July 1, 2017, that includes specified information relating to this alternative means of satisfying the graduation requirement. The bill also would require a school district that elects to allow a career technical education course to satisfy a specified course graduation requirement to include, as part of an existing notification requirement, information about the high school graduation requirements of the school district and how each requirement satisfies, or does not satisfy, college admission requirements, and a list of career technical education course offered by the school district.

IV. Other Items of Interest

- **AB1523 – Pre-Apprenticeship program: High Speed Rail (Perea)**
This bill will be discussed at the next meeting.

V. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M.